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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as the USPTO has waived the requirement of submitting copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications listed in an information disclosure statement, no copies of the listed U.S. patents accompany this paper. Copies will be provided upon request.

Applicants respectfully note that the specification recites three books, *Annl. New York Acad. Sci.*, Vol. 694: *Saliva as a Diagnostic Fluid*, Malamud and Tabak, eds., N.Y. Acad. Sci. Pub. (1993)) (p.1, paragraph [0004]), *Fundamental Immunology*, W. E. Paul, ed., Raven Press, N.Y. (1993) (p.3, paragraph [0026]), Harlow and Lane (1988) *Antibodies, A Laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring Harbor Publications, New York (p.4, paragraph [0037]). To simplify submission, copies of Table of Contents of these references are hereby submitted. A full paper copy of each reference will be forwarded to the Examiner upon request.

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The Examiner's attention is also directed to co-pending application Serial No. 10/076,596, filed February 19, 2002. The Examiner is requested to review that application and any and all references contained therein. A copy of the '596 application and the currently pending claims are enclosed.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of \$180.00 to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (030793-052100).

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